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Dr. Harold Carter Makes

## Shaw Pastor's Conference The Best Ever

Raleigh — Preaching in its best form and intellectual stimulation to the height of perfection were the hallmarks of the recently held Pastor's Conference at Shaw University.

Dr. Harold Carter, Pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, stirred the hearts of all who attended the conference through his intellectual and emotional-type messages. He set the tone of the three day meeting on Monday evening as the Conference opened April 22nd, by his message, "Come Let Us Return Unto The Lord". The message, based on the prophecy of Hosea, charged that every age is either dying or coming alive. "We have drifted away from the righteousness of God and are sick in the prostitution of sin. But

we ought to come on and go back to God so that He can begin to heal our wounds". His call was a call for the people of God to return to righteousness.

On Tuesday evening, Dr. Carter again challenged the Conference to understand: "The seriousness of God's work". We like (Ezekiel 25:18) ought to be able to continue to do our work in face of grief and other distractions.

He carried the conference to the mountaintop on Wednesday at high noon preaching from Deut. 22:21, "God and the Bicentennial". He stated that: "While we look at our heritage, we need to look at our spiritual health, we are sick".

Dr. Carter has written a book that has been recently published, entitled, "The Prayer

Life of the Black People". His major theme in the book is that every major institution movement that involves black people started in a prayer meeting. He charged that the Black church has grown cold in its prayer life, and this is the reason the fire has gone out in the church. The prayer meeting is dead in most churches he declared and this is why the church is dead. Calling upon the ministers to rediscover the Power of Prayer, he proclaimed: "God is Good and Prayer is Power".

At the close of the conference Dr. Carter called all the congregation to the altar for old-fashioned prayer; many went away with their hearts warmed and tears streaming from their eyes.

The lectures were delivered by Dr. Shelby Rooks, president, The Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, and the Reverend Charles Butler, pastor, New Calvary Baptist Church, Michigan. Speaking on the subjects: "An assessment of the Present State of the Church's Ministry and Mission", and

"The Biblical Bases of the Church's Ministry and Mission" respectively, each lecturer opened up the subject for the conference. They laid a solid Biblical foundation for ministry, and revealed many of the problems that hinder ministry in the church today.

The delegates to the conference went away saying, "Did not our hearts burn within as the men of God talked with us concerning Christian ministry". All are looking forward enthusiastically to the next conference to be held next spring."

### Alumni Elects Officers

Following the pastor's conference, which is sponsored by the Shaw Theological Alumni Association concluded the three day with a fellowship dinner. Following the meeting the new officers for the Theological Alumni Association. The new President is Dr. C.R. Mosley, pastor of the Nazareth First Baptist Church of Asheville, N.C.

The call went forth: "Greater support for the Shaw Divinity School".



Dr. Harold Carter

Mayfield Memorial To Host

## One Day Session Of General Convention

Charlotte — The call has gone forth from President, Dr. J.J. Johnson, and the Executive Secretary, to all Baptist pastors and leaders to attend the One Day Session of the General Convention, May 5. The session will be held at the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte. Pastor, H.S. Diggs and the leadership of Mayfield Memorial have made special preparation and laid out the red carpet for the General Baptist Family. Mayfield Memorial is a relatively young and dynamic church that is surging forward in Christian ministry under the energetic leadership of its talented pastor. It will provide the challenging, encouraging and inspiring atmosphere needed for this historic session of the Convention.

### Moderator's Workshop

The Annual moderator's workshop will be held May 4th, the day before the One Day Session. The workshop has been set up by some of the most talented and dedicated leaders in the Convention. It has been described as stimulating, motivating, inspiring, and informative. Every moderator in the state has been urged to attend because this workshop is a

vital link in the chain of events designed to support a one million dollar budget. It calls upon the moderators to participate in the efforts of our Convention to save 5,000 souls this convention year.

There will be outstanding speakers, who will deliver the inspirational sermons. Vital issues will be discussed and reports of the progress of the work will be made. All churches have been requested to send up as much of your quota as possible. Dr. Sherrill has sent forth a call to every Baptist to: "Meet me at Mayfield Memorial", "bring a liberal contribution for the Lord's work".

### Directions to Mayfield Memorial

For those coming into Charlotte on Interstate 85 north or south, exit at the Sugar Creek Rd. The church is located at Sugar Creek Road and Argyle Street.

For those coming into Charlotte on highway 74, exit off No. 74 on to 29 and then exit off 29 to 49, which is North Tryon St. Turn left off North Tryon St. at Sugar Creek Rd. Follow Sugar Creek Road to Argyle Street where the church is located.

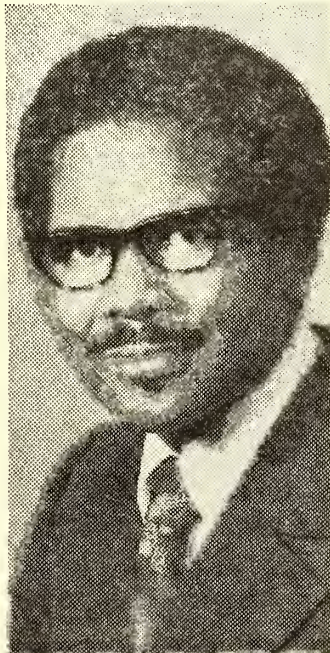
## PNBC Prexy To Preach At Mt. Vernon Church

By Percy L. High

Durham — The Reverend Dr. Nelson H. Smith, Jr., President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will preach in both pulpits of the Mount Vernon Church on Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31.

The Sunday Sermon will be the major feature of the 1976 observance of Women's Day which will be celebrated in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. The Monday sermon will be the feature of the closing service of the 1975-76 session of the Ministerial Alliance of Durham and vicinity which will be celebrated in the chapel at 12:00 noon.

President Smith is recognized as an international preacher, lecturer, and leader, and has been the minister-in-charge of the New Pilgrim Church of Birmingham, Alabama for more than 20 years.



Rev. Nelson Smith

## Ground Broken For New Church

Charlotte — Ground was broken last week for the new \$750,000 sanctuary for the First Baptist Church, pastored by Reverend J.B. Humphrey, during a one-hour ceremony that featured Charlotte Mayor John M. Belk, and Mrs. Mildred P. Aldredge building committee chairman.

The following persons removed a spadeful of earth: Reverends J.B. Humphrey, A.L. Tutt, Herman E. Thomas, Paul Hailey; Mayor Belk, Robert R. Wood, Edward J. High, John H. Moore and Mrs. Lula Young.

Also participating were Miss Renata Stowe, Walter G. Byers, John C. Kibler, Mrs. Quessie Brown, Larence Brooks, Mrs. Kathleen Crosby, Mrs. Maxine O. Davis, Miss Rosalyn Harris, W.H. Green, and Reverend William Lee, Jr.

Special guests were Dr. Leon C. Riddick, Reverends F.G. Lowry, J. Arthur White, L.D. Parker, J.E. Palmer, W.C. Cavers, Alonzo Coley and J.M. Kennedy.

Dr. Julian A. Cave, Dr. and Mrs. Claude U. Broach, Mrs. Estelle Wright, State Senator Fred D. Alexander, D-Mecklenburg, Rowe W. Motley and S.O. Way also were present.

For the past 35 years First Baptist Church has been in its present location at 1020 S. Church Street. Completion of the new edifice at Oaklawn and Fairfield Streets is expected in February 1977.

The new church building holds 8,361 square feet of space and will seat approximately 650 for services.



# Bicentennial Danger

By John Lewis

Raleigh — One great danger during this Bicentennial Year is to let our patriotism exalt Civil Religion above our allegiance to the Christian Faith. While the scripture has much to say about our loyalty to "the civil powers" as under appointment of God (Romans 13), it also warns us against the deification of the state. It is all too easy to assume Christianity exists, to safeguard the state, instead of the state remaining a servant of God and the people.

Expressions of patriotism have a quasi-religious element in them: the salute to the flag, singing, of the national anthem on various occasions, opening of political meetings with prayer, a "smug" feeling about "in God we trust" on our national currency, the constant pressures to nullify dissent, and the danger of embracing as a national slogan, "My country, right or wrong!"

Many, like the priest of Bethel, in Amos' time, are wont to stifle the prophetic voices in our

midst. Stephen Rose, in his incisive volume entitled, "Sermons Not Preached in the White House", points out the danger of giving lip-service to God while really exalting "the American Way of Life" as something superior to the Christian Faith!

Civil religion has its "sacred" documents (the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence); its "saints" (Washington, Lincoln, Lee); its "holy days" (Memorial Day, Labor Day, the Fourth of July)! Genuine patriotism is neither out of date nor inappropriate. Government is to be respected but not feigned. Christian patriotism may require constructive criticism of the nation at times (Jeremiah 37-38). Carl Schurz's complete statement, only partially quoted by most people, helps guard against the "heresy of blind allegiance". "Our country, right or wrong, to put it right".

Christian citizenship, undergirded by Christian patriotism, is at once the most demanding and most reliable

kind of patriotism! We have here divine promise of an enduring Kingdom - God's Kingdom which we must "seek first and His righteousness!"

## Western Union

Members of the Western Union Association were delighted and very happy to be able to travel to Pender County to attend the 6th District Group I of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention with Miss C.E. Fennell, Chairman of this group.

The Convention was well attended and much helpful information was gained.

Those making the trip were Mesdames E.V. Robinson, Kattie Ezzell, Maggie Cousin, LouVern Williams, Comey Bennett, Annie L. Butler, Girlie Underwood, Mamie McL. Faison. The Youth who went along were: Jeffery Timmons, Ronnie Monk, Monica Taylor, Wanda Evans, Abigail Evans, Brenda Evans, Yvonne Evans and Lola Brooks.

From

# The President's Pen!

A Big Blunder of Blacks: They make no wills.

We are going to die. This is for sure. We make very little preparation and make a lot of noise about spiritual preparation. The wife knows almost completely nothing about the financial and business affairs of the husband. The children have no alternatives if both parents are deceased but to call in a attorney who fleeces them out of every dime possible. The wife or the husband at the other's death too often seeks the most expensive funeral just for show - trying to compensate for the lack of love shown during their marriage.

This is not time to prove anything but good judgment and common sense. Why burden yourself with unnecessary cost with a metallic casket and a vault and you do not know where you are going to sleep the next night nor where you will eat your next meal. Be wise not foolish. For when you get through crying and the crowd comes to the funeral show, you will be stuck with the debt.

The best time to show your love, appreciation and devotion is while your loved one is alive and you are together. It is too late to love when you are dead.

The further tragedy of the situation is that many Black leaders, including pastors, do not make wills. There is nothing more appropriate than to put something in your will for black institutions that have made you. Include your church, college or any other worthwhile charity in your will. Further, more have included in the will the agreement if husband or wife becomes mentally or physically disabled to transact his or her affairs the other will be given the power of attorney and either survivor will be the administrator of the estate without bond.

Make your will today - You are going to die. It costs less than fifty dollars. Leave everything convenient and comfortable for your family. Both husband and wife; I beg you as good stewards, See Your Lawyer before you See Your Lord.

Joy J. Johnson

From

## The Laymen's Corner

Raleigh — The Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., would like to extend a word of thanks to those who attended the state-wide Fellowship Dinner, April 23, 1976. Through your zealous cooperation, the laymen are able to support the Unified Program of the Convention. As the television comedian Gomer Pyle says "Thank ya! Thank Ya! Thank Ya!"

The Secretary's Pen

"Rise up, O men of God, The church for you doth wait, Her strength unequal to the task; Rise up, and make Her great."

These famous words written by Dr. William P. Merrill in 1911 came about because of the rise of the Brotherhood in the Presbyterian Church. A more immediate cause was a request for a hymn by the editor of "The Continent" and reading an article by GERALD Lee called "The Church of the Strong Men". With these embedded in his mind, Dr. Merrill was returning to Chicago on a Lake Michigan Steamer when this hymn suddenly welled up with little or no effort.

The words are a trumpet call to men. The church is impotent without the help of strong men. It is our responsibility, laymen rise up, put on the blood stained banner of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and bring yourself, and other men back to the Church.

Our various talents have no barriers. They can reach out to unknown horizon. What are you doing in your local congregation to further the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Do you find yourself in one of these categories?

(1) I do my part, I come every Sunday.

(2) I will sit in the back, so no one will ask me to do anything.

(3) Last to come to church, the first to leave.

(4) When asked to volunteer, I don't have the time.

These excuses and thousand more makes one wonder, do we know our charge as Christians?

Jesus came and spoke unto them saying, "all power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth". "Go ye therefore, and TEACH all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto this end of the world. (Matthew 28:16-18)

Laymen, as we now leave the Easter season, let us rededicate our hearts to the church, to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Let us "Reach Out and Touch" the unchurched. Charles F. Brown wrote a beautiful song in 1971. Read the words and let it be part of your personal testimony.

"Reach Out and Touch"

Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry;

Reach out and touch a spirit in despair;

Reach out and touch a life torn and Dirty,

A man who is lonely, If you care!

Some other reach outs are (a) a friend who is weary, (b) a seeker unaware, and (c) Though touching means losing a part of yourself if you dare, (d) that neighbor who hates you, (e) the brother who needs you, (f) give your love to the loveless, (g) make a home for the homeless, (h) shed God's light in the darkness, and (i) Reach out and let the smile of God touch through you.

Waverly Camp, Jr., Secretary of Laymen's Work and Church Music.

## Letters To The Editor

There seems to be an increasing awareness of the important position the United States holds in the world among school boys and girls overseas. Having young Americans write these pupils aboard can do a great deal on a grass roots level in explaining life in these United States.

We shall appreciate anything you can do to help bring this interesting extra-curricula activity to your readers.

If you wish anything further, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Edna R. MacDonough  
Executive Secretary

Many Social Studies teachers supplement their classwork now with an emphasis of furthering good will with other countries. Students become "young Ambassadors" through the regular exchange of friendly letters with boys and girls in other countries. The opportunity is open to everyone between 8 and 23 years of age.

The English-writing pen pal in another country replies personally answering questions about life in that country and describes favorite sports, hobbies and subjects of interest to its people. Each letter with a fascinating foreign stamp in the corner comes from someone who wants an American for a friend.

Letters from America spread some favorable impressions of the United States and describe life here on a day to day level - news that does not reach them in any other way.

Ministries of Education aboard send long lists of student names and addresses to Boston for distribution throughout the fifty states.

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Dear Editor:

I congratulate Dr. O.L. Sherrill for a great job over the years. The Baptists of North Carolina will miss him. However, as the years wear down to his retirement, the leader's ability to run the Baptist organizations slips into low gear unable to attract Black Baptist leaders.

At this time in North Carolina, the Black Baptists need a strong and clear voice, the General Baptist is failing its 350,000 members. The Board should retire Dr. Sherrill now, with full pension as we are already crippled by aging leadership. At a time Blacks need quality representation at the top, the executive office is barked up by personnel trained to work in Dr. Sherrill's absence and not lead.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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# Spiritual Safari, Join Now

The Spiritual Safari with Mrs. M.A. Horne as hostess, a West African tour to Nigeria and Liberia will depart from New York City on November 22.

A \$1,289.00 round trip tour price from New York City includes first class hotel accommodations, 2 meals per day and travels. Airport taxes and visa fees are estimated at \$35.00 per person.

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Mrs. Horne At

## The Florida Women's State Convention

By Bettie J. Chislom  
Melbourne, Florida — When the 8th Annual Session of the Woman's State Convention of the "sunshine" state of Florida convened April 7-19, 1976, in Melbourne, Mrs. M.A. Horne was among those slated to deliver a major address. This is the second time that she has been invited to speak before the convention and to conduct a workshop. The workshop: "The What - The Why and The How of the North Carolina Woman's Convention", was a feature added by special request.

The Convention was attended by more than 1500 women, ministers, and laymen, and was a most inspiring and uplifting experience. The Convention has grown tremendously since Mrs. Horne's last visit to the Sunshine State. Speaking at high noon on Thursday, April 8th, on the Convention's Theme: "Christian Involvement - Our Commitment", Mrs. Horne had the men standing on their feet at the close of her message.

Mrs. Susie C. Holley of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is president



Mrs. M.A. Horne

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Assistants: Miss Bettie Chislom, Mrs. C.R. Edwards, Dr. J.J. Johnson.

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of the Convention. Mrs. Holley and her constituency have been interested in the North Carolina Women's Convention and its financial strength for a number of years. She is also 1st Vice - President of the National Woman's Convention U.S.A., Inc. In addition, Mrs. Holley and Mrs. Horne are chairpersons and associate chairpersons respectively of all Finance of the National Woman's Convention.

Other highlights of the historic session were an address at high noon Friday, April 9th by Dr. J.H. Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc; and a Bicentennial skit by the young adult women and youth, entitled "The Way It Was - The Way It Is".

The memorable session was held at the beautiful Melbourne Auditorium, where the enthusiastic delegates enjoyed one of the best session in the history of the Convention. Mrs. Horne has been invited to the Georgia State Convention and plans to accept the invitation when her schedule permits.

## WOMEN'S PAGE...

### This Was The Tea That Was

By Emmanuel's Missionaries  
Winston-Salem — On Sunday, March 28, 1976, the missionaries of Emmanuel Baptist Church held its "Annual Tea" in the beautiful Fellowship Hall of the Sunrise Towers. It was by far the best yet regardless of the means of measurement. Building program of Emmanuel's new Fellowship Hall, enlarged choir stand, two baptismal dressing rooms, additional offices, etc.

Emmanuel has a "Grade A" missionary Department, namely, the Nan Saunders; the Ora Hambricht; the Carrie Flippin; the Youth Department; the Young Adult Department, and the newly missionary group, the Frances Adams Circle. The Tea is the only one self - supported fund project of the year. The groups function under the leadership of President Essie Lennon and Pastor S.W. Mack. The Nan Saunders group served as host with Mrs. Mary E. Jenkins as Chairperson and Miss Carolyn Fair, Young Adult President as Mistress of Ceremony, who performed in a very commendable manner, as usual. There was no doubt about it, the 1976 Tea set a new high mark financially. \$2,700.00 was raised.

It was a glorious sight to behold, the tables decorated in all their glamorous colors to mass the National colors of the Bicentennial. May we say they are looking better and better each year. There were judges from visiting churches. It was the toughest judging we have ever witnessed, not to mention the guest list, which looked like Who's Who in the Rowan Family.

When the Tea ended, the memory still lingered on. Remarks were expressed by President Lennon, which was inspirational and challenging. She renewed the civic awareness and refreshed the missionary obligation, in her most capable and magnetic fashion. Even though the Missionaries have attempted to demonstrate their appreciation for her, we feel she cannot be amply lauded for her efficiency and adeptness in guidance and leadership.

She is the best!

We leave you on this sobering note with many good wishes for time and effort well spent on this Bicentennial Tea.

The Tea That Was The Tea!



Pres. Essie B. Lennon

## Leadership, The Cost & Rewards

By Mrs. Thelma C. Horton  
RALEIGH — More than 900 senior, young adults and youth missionary leaders assembled at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. C.W. Ward, pastor, Saturday, April 10, to explore the price (cost) one must pay and the dividends (rewards) one receives as a Christian leader. The eighth Annual State - Wide Leaders Workshop was sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., Mrs. C.E. McLester, Durham, president, and Mrs. M.A. Horne, Raleigh and Winston Salem, executive secretary treasurer.

Following the devotion, Mrs. Horne directed the youth and young adults to their respective places for the exploration of the theme: "Leadership: The Costs and the Rewards." A brief memorial service was held for Mrs. Lena B. Singletary, Executive Board Member and Institute Promoter.

President McLester greeted the group with praise and enthusiasm for the support the missionaries continue to give to the Lord's work. She stated that "Christian leadership is the only way God's program of Service can be carried out". Emphasizing the necessity of Christian leaders getting together to: (1) Develop methods and strategies, (2) Enlarge their vision, (3) Meet and know other people and (4) Improve their ideas and ambitions. She concluded by challenging them to "accept the lifestyle of Jesus Christ, a guarantee for successful leadership."

Hearts were lifted and challenged as the Year Round Committee Pageant, written by Mrs. J.Y. Mims, Henderson, was presented. The performance was more touching than the one everyone enjoyed during the Annual Session at Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro. Mrs. J.A. Little, Historian, Monroe, and Mrs. Eva Johnson, Fourth Vice - president, Salisbury, were narrators and special music was rendered by Mrs. Jettie Lucas, Convention pianist; Mrs. Mary Edwards, Hickory and Mrs. J.Y. Mims.

The Young Adult Department met with Director Bronnie

Daniels, Winston Salem, and President Natalie Mitchell, in a most informative and inspiring session. Seven of their dedicated officers spoke on various segments of leadership and answered many questions that were of deep concern. Mrs. Ruth Smith coordinated the discussion which included: The Goals of Leadership, President Mitchell; Growth of Development as a Leader, Vice President, Jerrye Griffin, Why Lead?, Second Vice - president Darlene Eaves; Leadership Checklist, Third Vice - president Alice McLaon; The Ideal Leader, Fourth Vice - president Sharon Jones and How Leaders Are Discovered, Choir Directress, Hermenia Bostic.

The Youth met with Supervisor Eva M. Pratt, Durham, presiding in the absence of President Elizabeth Brooks, Gastonia, who was ill. Mrs. Pratt discussed the theme and the youth made plans for the All Baptist Assembly. Awards were presented to the following counties and their leaders for reporting the amount of money for a special contest: Shaw Contest — Darlene Hannibal, Gaston County, First Place; Audrey Ross, Cleveland County, for Mission - James Graham, Gaston County. These were presented financial gifts: First Place: Key Five March, Mrs. Pauline Reid, Wayne County Youth Supervisor and Thelma Linette Horton, Wayne County Youth President received trophies.

Mrs. Mable Jones, Brunswick, Mrs. Novella Faison, Whiteville and Mrs. Lucy Gray, Tarboro, presented a most informative and spirit - filled discussion on the theme. They urged the leaders to "pay the cost, and receive the rewards". They concluded that one must "deny himself and take up the cross and follow Jesus everyday". Some of the daily rewards one could expect to experience are enrichment of knowledge, understanding, getting to know others and the power to love and to be loved. They challenged the leaders to work even though they may not receive praise from men; for God has promised a crown of life to all who remain faithful unto death.

Craven County

## Missionary Circle Union Celebrates 4th Anniversary

By Mrs. C.M. Hines  
New Bern, The Craven County Missionary Circle Union celebrated its fourth Anniversary, Sunday, March 21, at the Macedonia Baptist Church, New Bern, N.C., President, Mrs. Clara Hines presided, Reverend David Hammond, host minister, and Mrs. Thelma Horton was the guest speaker.

The service was opened by a short devotion by the sisters.

Mrs. Horton chose for her subject, "He Touched". She stated when Jesus touches a person he or she is a different individual. She admonished all

missionaries to get the real touch from the hand of Jesus, in our hearts and our lives, that makes the difference. She further stated, if we let Jesus touch us we would be together as Christians, for there would be no division. It would be love, peace and togetherness. Her message was informative and inspirational. After her warming words, Beatrice Long presented to Mrs. Horton a corsage with this statement, "It is a great pleasure to pin flowers on one while they see and smell them!"

Closing remarks were made by Sister C.M. Hines.



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Neuse River Woman's Auxiliary and leaders. Mrs. Lena Keys, president of the Auxiliary is (standing) 2nd from the left on the front row.

## Neuse River Association Makes Progress Report

By Reverend Elbert Lee

Rocky Mt. — The Neuse River Baptist Association, located in eastern North Carolina, is one of our most progressive Associations in the General Baptist State Convention. It is a loyal supporter of the convention and the Unified Program. In addition to being one of the largest associational groups, it is one of the largest financial contributors to the Unified Plan. Neuse River Association has produced many young ministers, who are making fine contributions to a large number of churches through the state.

Recently, the Association's moderator, Dr. F.L. Bullock, who succeeded the late eminent Dr. T.B. Foster, has inspired and challenged the association to do more for the Cause than ever before. Holding to the fundamental principles of the New Testament, the leadership finally believes that Jesus Christ is the only real answer to man's dilemma of sin, and that you must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God.

The photos show some of the leaders at meeting of the Association in Seaboard, N.C. at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, where the late Dr. C.C. Staton was minister.

Some of the outstanding leaders are Reverend Spencer Williams, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., Reverend E. Lee, North End Baptist Church, Rocky Mt., Dr. James E. Arnette, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mt., Reverend Jeremiah Webb, Little

Wheel of Hope, Rocky Mount, Reverend Abraham Walton, New Bethel, Enfield, Reverend George Cooper, New Hope, Battleboro, Reverend C.C. Lawrence, Ronaoke Chapel, Jackson, and Reverend J.B. Moore, First Baptist of Weldon. Reverend K.P. Battle is vice moderator and Mr. James Williams is Treasurer.

The photo shows some of the outstanding women leaders of the Woman's Auxiliary. These

dedicated sisters have continued to make a significant contribution through the years. Under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Lena Keys the Auxiliary has continued to inspire and draw the sisters together in Christian fellowship.

The Neuse River is one of our oldest Associations in the state. It was organized out of First African Baptist Church of Goldsboro, mother of the General Baptist Convention.

At Banquet

## N. A. A. C. P. Honors Women's Prexy

Durham — Mrs. Johnnie B. McLester, was the honoree at the Annual N.A.A.C.P. Banquet held in Durham recently. Mrs. McLester, President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, of N.C., was honored for her many contributions to the fight for freedom and human advancement. The Banquet, held in the W.G. Pearson Cafeteria, was presided over by Mrs. Jean Scales. The Banquet proceeds were earmarked for the fight for freedom.

More than 150 persons prepared expressions for the: "This is your life story", that was presented to her. There was one sad note: The death of John

LeFlore, a life long friend and civil rights leader, who was to represent the Alabama N.A.A.C.P. Mrs. McLester, is a retired guidance and counseling specialist in the school system. She has been a NAACP worker since the age of 11 years, and was a tireless YWCA official.

Mrs. DeNina Austin presented Mrs. McLester with a plaque on behalf of the Durham Branch of NAACP. In addition, she received a book filled with letters of praise and commendation for services rendered. She received over 200 letters and cards, along with many personal gifts.

Among the outstanding Baptist leaders that were in attendance to represent the various segments were: Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of the Convention; Mrs. Ethel Montgomery, Church Women United; Mrs. Eva Pratt, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Reverend Percy High, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, and Dr. Minnie T. Forte, Daughters of Isis, brought greetings from many other religious groups.

Mr. Laney Funderburk, appointment secretary to Governor Holshouser, brought greetings on behalf of the state, and an award from Governor Holshouser.

that we must do our job by helping those who can't help themselves. We can also do our job by going home and getting to work doing God's will.

During the Junior hour the following young people gave a talk on the topics listed: Sister Christine Fennell, Mt. Olive - Revelation 22:1-7; Sister Shirley Pigford, Calypso - John 17:1-11; Sister Leaneore Matthews, Faison - Revelation 21:1-7.

The session was brought to a fitting close by the presentation of a program by the host church under the direction of Mrs. James A. Grimes.

## Upper River Missionary Union Held

By Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson  
Mount Olive — The Upper River Missionary Union met recently in its One Day Session at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, Reverend C.W. Wright, pastor. The day was filled with meaningful events, and the session was well attended by the woman, laymen, and pastors. Mrs. Hattie M. King is president of the Union.

First on program was a Bible Lesson by Mrs. Beulah Bennett. The lesson was based on Hebrews the 11th chapter: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." She related the passage of scripture to present day Christian living, bringing out many good points.

The inspirational message was delivered by Rev. Hordy

Graham, his subject was: "It is Good To Be Here." Major points emphasized that, the Lord is here; the Lord brought us here; Jesus is the one who is keeping us here; Love brought us here. Everyone seemed to have been lifted up by the message.

Some very timely remarks were given by our state worker Miss Cornelia Fennell. She said



# The J.J. Johnson Assembly: Headquarters For Christian Education

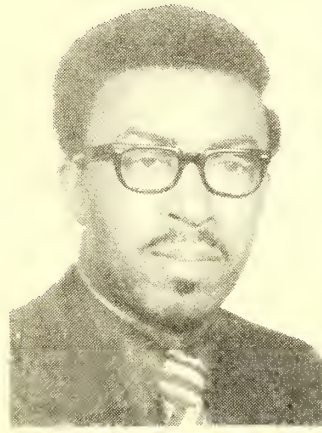
**Laurel Hill — (Editor's note: The following featured article concerning the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, is the first in a series of articles which are to be published in connection with the General Baptist State Convention's Program of monthly emphasis of the Convention's six (6) Objectives.)**

"All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy", is an age old adage that is as true today as it was at the time it came into being. There is a need for recreation, relaxation, and Inspiration in the human experience of life. Our Saviour and Lord said to his followers: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." (St. Mark 6:31).

The J.J. Johnson is an outgrowth of this kind of understanding of human need and Christian ministry. Even though the idea of developing an Assembly for the General

Baptist State Convention had been alive for many years; it was not until 1967, when fifty (50) acres of land was donated to the Convention by Dr. and Mrs. Joy Joseph Johnson and daughter Deborah, that the Assembly came into being. The fifty acres of land, located in Scotland County seven (7) miles northwest of Laurinburg and four (4) miles east of Laurel Hill, N.C. was donated to the Convention for religious purposes. Since that time twelve (12) additional acres have been purchased making a total of sixty - two acres for the Assembly grounds.

In 1972 the Assembly came into being when a ground-breaking ceremony was held there for the construction of the first guest lodge. The Assembly has been, and still is in the developmental stage. However, it is nearing completion. It has been in operation since 1973.



Rev. John L. Daniels

Recently a house has been constructed to house the camp superintendent - director.

The newly appointed camp superintendent is the Reverend Mr. John L. Daniels, a native of Franklinton, N.C., who lives on the Assembly grounds with his wife. Reverend Daniels completed his high school training at the Person - Albion High School and received the A.B. Degree in Religion from Shaw University. He and his wife have served as missionaries to Haiti.

There has been a full program in the interest of the Christian and Baptist cause gaining on at the Assembly since 1973. The Baptist family came together at the Assembly, April 27, 1974, for a dedication ceremony and witnessed another great venture - in - Faith by N.C. Baptists. The Assembly has accommodated church outings and picnics, Associational meetings, laymen - laywomen retreats; student groups from various universities; an all Baptist picnic; the Annual leadership training Institute, sponsored by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Executive Board meetings; and the Annual Youth Bible Camp.

There is a modern swimming pool, up - to - date dining hall and kitchen, Assembly Hall, Guest Lodge that will house eighteen persons, a girls' housing unit that will house sixty - four; a boys' housing unit that will house sixty - four; a tennis court, and ball field. The unfinished plans call for the construction of a Memorial Chapel, paving of the roads, planting of memorial trees, and an additional housing space. Baptists and Christians well - wishers have made this Assembly a remarkable reality, and are continuing to make significant investments in this worthy endeavor.

## The Unified Program

The J.J. Johnson Assembly is now recognized as one of the Objectives of the General Baptist State Convention. In the past the Convention has claimed four major objectives as recipients of its support, namely: Shaw University, Central Orphanage, State Missions and Foreign Missions (Lott Carey). However, since the Divinity School of Shaw has recently been completely separated from the University, the Divinity School has moved into the number 5 spot as an objective of the Convention. With the development of the

Assembly, there also arose a need for financial support. Therefore, the Assembly is now counted as a sixth objective of the Convention. Baptist pastors and organizational leaders are being called upon to put these additional two objectives into their budgets so that they may receive regular support. The one million dollar budget set by our Convention can be realized only if Baptists put all of these objectives into their budget. Many members of the Baptist Church and a number of pastors are not even aware of the existence of the Assembly. One of the purposes of these monthly emphasis is to help Baptists become aware of the changes taking place in the Convention and the need for support.

This writer has visited the camp on a number of occasions and has been inspired during every visit. One of the most inspiring aspects of the camp is the possibilities for Christian involvement and growth that it offers for our young people. For many years, our leaders have complained that our young people are all going to destruction. But here is a positive move to do something about that condition. The writer has seen and heard the reaction of the young people: They love the camp - activities at the Assembly. Many of them don't want to leave when it is time to return home. And not only the youth, but many adults fall in love with the restful atmosphere of the Assembly. It is truly a place of rest and inspiration. Every pastor, every Baptist, should plan to visit this Assembly at some time in the very near future.

## Summer Activities

The first of the important events to be held at the Assembly this summer is:

**THE 39TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY TRAINING CONFERENCE — June 7-19, 1976.**

The women have been urged by Executive Secretary Horne, to send in their registration early!!!

The Training Conference will be held at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly - Laurel Hill, N.C. Mrs. Horne says: "Sisters, elect your delegates early, begin sending in names and advance registration fees. Make all checks payable to: Woman's Baptist State Convention.

Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, of the First African Baptist Church of Goldsboro, and 2nd Vice - President of the Woman's Convention will be Instructor for the Training Conference.

The fees for the Leadership Conference are: Room and Board — \$40.00; Registration — \$5.00, Total \$45.00.

No money will be refunded!

The sisters are asked to bring: two (2) sheets - one (1) pillow case - one (1) light blanket - soap, towels, toiletries, flashlight, Bible, money for study books and refreshments - a small cotton rug to use when sitting on the ground - swimming suit (optional) - Love and Kindness.

This promises to be a great

week to recreation, information, and inspiration. The camp can accommodate 150 persons.

## II

The second important event for the summer will be: **THE 25TH ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP AND CHARM CLINIC — JUNE 13 - JULY 9TH (4 weeks).**

The first week — June 13-18; the second week, June 20-25; the third week - June 27 - July 2; the fourth week, July 4-9.

Mrs. Horne has again said: "Please select your young people of 'Good Behavior'." Youth from the ages of 8-17 years may attend. All ages may attend the week that is most convenient.

The Registration and room assignments will be made each Sunday, afternoon, at which time all campers are urged to be present. One hundred and fifty (150) campers can be accommodated each week. The first one hundred and fifty (150) campers

sending in their fees will be accepted for the first week. The same rule will follow for the following weeks.

The deadline for camper registration is June 1, 1976. Make all checks payable to: Woman's Baptist State Convention.

**The Youth Bible Camp Fees Are:** Room and board, \$40.00; Registration, \$5.00; Total \$45.00.

The fees include accident and sickness insurance for all swimmers and campers.

The campers are asked to bring:

Two (2) sheets, one (1) pillow case - one (1) light blanket, soap, towels, toiletries, flash light, Bible money for study books and refreshments, a small cotton rug to use when sitting on the ground swimming suit (optional) - Love and Kindness.

No money will be refunded: Please select a substitute camper for each camper you plan to send. If Mary Smith is elected to attend camp, select another camper to take her place if something happens to Mary Smith.

There will be Camp T-Shirts on sale for \$3.00 each. The name of the camp is on each shirt. Please come prepared to purchase a shirt.

A new feature in the camp this year will be Craft and Handwork.

The theme for the Youth Bible Camp is: "Youth and The Bicentennial Celebration."

## III

The third important event to be held at the Assembly is:

**THE ALL BAPTIST PICNIC — JULY 17**

From these activities which are planned at the Assembly, it can be seen that Baptists everywhere are making good use of the facility. Therefore, we say unto each of you, support the J.J. Johnson Assembly with your contributions, your prayers, and: "Come aside and rest awhile."



Executive Secretary, Mrs. M.A. Horne shows her zeal and enthusiasm as she addresses the congregation during the Dedication Ceremonies of the Assembly. Seated to her right is Dr. D.R. Hedgley who gave the Dedication message, Dr. C.R. Edwards, the president of the Convention, and Miss Kathryn Bullard, Baptist Women Director Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina. To the left of Mrs. Horne is (standing), Dr. T.A. Watkins, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the General Baptist State Convention, and (seated), Dr. J.J. Johnson, donor of the Assembly land.



This happy group of young people was among first campers at the Assembly grounds. Much progress has been made since that time as can be seen from other photos on this page.



This enthusiastic group of Baptists was among those who attended the Dedication Service of the Baptist Assembly. The photo shows the modern kitchen and Dining Assembly room that has been utilized as a multi-purpose facility. Baptists from all over the state attended the Dedication Services.



## Middle District Institute Held

By Myrtle R. Wilson  
Washington — The Middle District Union held its Annual Training Institute, March 8-12, at the Spring Garden Missionary Baptist Church in Washington. Reverend W.S. Wilson is moderator of the Union. The total enrollment for the week long Institute was 400.

Classes were held each evening for two hours, and the instructors were: Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Reverend C.B. Gray, Reverend John Taylor III, and Reverend Kenneth Hammond. The institute has been reported to have been one of the most inspiring and informative, ever held.

Other features of the Institute were: Good singing by outstanding church choirs. The ministers who brought inspirational sermons following the class sessions each evening were: Reverend O'Kelly Lawson, pastor Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.; Reverend Nahum Harris, pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Williamston, N.C.; Reverend John Taylor III, pastor, St. Mary Baptist Church, R.F.D., Greenville, N.C.; Reverend J.B. Crowder, pastor, Hayes Chapel Baptist Church, Pactoulus, N.C.; and Reverend George Smith, who was accompanied by a combined choir.

### Sampson County

## Cooperative Institute Of Training Held

By Mrs. Mamie McL. Faison  
Clinton — The Western Union Association held its Annual Training Institute at the Lisbon Street Baptist Church of Clinton, N.C., Reverend H.R. Cogdell, pastor.

There was an average total enrollment of around one hundred and fifty persons.

The instructors were: Ministers - Reverend J.H. Everett; Deacons - and Trustees - Reverend C.A. Jones; Ushers - Mr. Arthur Williams; Missionaries - Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; Music - Mr. Frank Howard; Sunday School and B.T.U. - Reverend Leo Williams; Sex Education Class for the Youth - Mrs. Devera Vann, Mrs. Maxine Harris and Mr. James Faison.

The classes were held nightly. They proved to be both inspiring and very successful for all.

Following the class period nightly the instructors spoke to the group. Each speaker had us to know that in our sowing gospel seeds, we must sow generously and remember that some seeds will be lost. Our job is not to count the losses. We have nothing to do with the harvesting or gathering, our job is to sow and have faith.

Mr. Waverly Camp of the Baptist Headquarters was present nightly, and we enjoyed his touch at the organ, please come again Mr. Camp.

Deacon Dennis Tilford was the director of the Institute.

# Shaw Grad Appointed Executive Minister

By C. Warren Massenburg  
Raleigh — The Reverend James D. Peters, Jr., a graduate of Shaw University, has been appointed Executive Minister, South Region of the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Churches.

Mr. Peters now serves as the National Director of the New Community Program of the Fund of Renewal (FOR).

He will assume the position September 1, 1976.

In 1971, the predominantly white American Baptist Churches in the USA and the predominantly black Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc., jointly undertook a capital funds campaign to raise 17.5 million in

distributable monies to deal with specific educational and community needs of Asian - Americans, Indian - Americans, Blacks and Hispanic - Americans.

Mr. Peters said he looked forward to his relationship with churches in the south because "the challenge of working with and continuing to expand this exciting, inclusive fellowship represents an extension of the New Community concept."

In his new post, Mr. Peters will provide spiritual guidance and administrative leadership to more than 155 congregations affiliated with the region of the south. The administrative area itself stretches across the deep south, from Maryland to Texas.

Prior to beginning his work with the Fund of Renewal, Mr. Peters served as pastor of the East End Tabernacle Church in Bridgeport, Conn. He maintained numerous community affiliations, and was a frequent guest representing the black community on local radio and television programs. He also produced a one minute spot announcement on "Negro History", heard five times daily on local radio.

Mr. Peters served as president of the state NAACP, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and vice president of the Connecticut Baptist Missionary Convention. He also was assistant regional representative of the Southern

Christian Leadership Conference from 1963 to 1968. In 1966, Mr. Peters was presented with an "Outstanding Service Award" from SCLC by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Peters received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., where he majored in philosophy and religion, and the Masters degree at Springfield College, Springfield, Ma., in community leadership and development. Continuing education took place at the Washington Baptist Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; Howard University School of Religion; and the District of Columbia Teachers College.

## Baptist Assembly Planning Shifts To High Gear

By Dr. Coleman W. Kerry  
Charlotte — Under the capable leadership of President Johnson and Executive Secretary Sherrill plans for the All Baptist Assembly meeting in Winston - Salem August 2-5, are well on the way.

A rough draft of the program has been completed. The plan provides for the Convention and all of its Auxiliaries and Departments to meet at the same place and at the same time.

The Program Committee made a visit to Winston - Salem to meet with the local planning committee, headed by Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church and host for this historic session. The committee was graciously received and warmly embraced. We found a great deal of enthusiasm, interest and concern that this session would be our greatest since this is the first time the All Baptist Assembly is being held outside of Raleigh.

The local committee has organized to cover all aspects of the Convention's activities: Dr. Jerry Dayton, General Chairman and Host Pastor; Rev. B.F. Daniels, Secretary and Registration Chairman; Rev. W.C. Hay, Chairman, Pre-Convention Musical and Music; Dr. J. Ray Butler, Chairman, Ushers; Rev. J.L. Coleman, Chairman, Transportation; Dr. David Hedgeley, Chairman, First Aid; Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, Chairman, Housing; Rev. W.S.

Epps, Chairman, Program.

All sessions will be held at the beautiful Convention Center in downtown Winston. The Center is located across the street from the Hyatt House which is the hotel for the Convention.

Plans are well on the way to provide courtesy car and shuttle bus service to hotels, churches and to Winston - Salem Teachers College where many of the youth will be housed.

This session will be the most unusual in the history of our great Convention. Never before have we witnessed what will be taking place in Winston come August.

Pre - Convention Musical, Sunday evening August 1, Convention Center. Three mass choirs, 100 voices each, will present the great hymns of the church, anthems, spirituals and gospel. This program will be highlighted by the Convention's soloist being featured.

You may contact Dr. Sherrill for tickets. Come by bus loads to this great event.

The Executive Committee and General Board of the Convention will meet on Monday, August 2 at New Behtel Baptist Church. All Auxiliary Committees and Boards will meet at the Hyatt House and Convention Center.

Fellowship Banquet Monday, August 2, Convention Center, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. Dr. Fredrick Sampson, Detroit, guest speaker. Three thousand (3,000) plus, are expected to attend this gala

affair. Wear your Sunday best.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday special Evangelistic services will be held at the New Bethel Baptist Church. The Evangelistic Committee, Dr. J.C. Harris, Coordinator and Rev. O.B. Cook, Chairman, assures us that this will be a high feature of the Convention.

Great choirs, prayer bands and deacons of Winston will lead the praise service. Some of North Carolina's best preachers will be programmed. You can't afford to miss out on this.

The President's Prayer Breakfast will be held Thursday morning. The featured speaker will be Dr. James C. Sams, President, National Baptist Convention of America. Only 400 seats available. Get in touch with Dr. Sherrill now or you'll be left out.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Coordinator of the Program Committee, wishes to thank President Johnson, Executive Secretary Sherrill, President McLeister, Executive Secretary Horne, President Lassiter, President Bellamy, President Fennel, President McQueen, Moderators Chairman, Ferguson, President Mitchell, President Brooks, Executive Committee Chairman Dayton, General Board Chairman Butler, Trustee Chairman Watkins and all who are working diligently for the All Baptist Assembly for your cooperation, prayers and concern.

## Prof. Presents Paper On Black Grandparents

By C. Warren Massenburg  
Raleigh — Dr. Bonnie Gillespie, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Division of Administrative and Urban Sciences at Shaw University read a paper on "Black Grandparents: Childhood Socialization, A Brief Study" at the Third Annual National Conference on the Black Family conducted recently at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Gillespie noted, "For many years the black family in America has been studied as a pathology by Europeans. We are looking at these factors for what they are ... We believe that the black family is an unusual sociological phenomenon that has survived the horrors of the 'middle passage' and the vicious racism that exists today", he said.

Some of the conclusions were: Black grandparents traditionally have played a significant role in the socialization of children, youth and adolescents and the predominant relations between black grandchildren - adolescents and black grandparents were those of "love, affection, compatibility, and dependability".

Thirty three Shaw University students participated in a study by completing a Black Grandparents Questionnaire. Several members of Shaw's faculty and staff also completed the study.

This annual Black Conference on the Black Family is sponsored by the Pan African Studies Department of the University of Louisville, Dr. Thomas Green, Chairperson. Other papers presented included: "Black Theology and the Black College Student" by James Cone, Ph. D., Union Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y., "Perspective on the Black Child Development, by Dr. James P. Comer, Yale University Medical School, New Haven, Connecticut, and "The Temporal Element in the Perceived Lack of Aspiration in Black Youth," Dr. Dorothy Pennington, University of Kansas.



Neuse River Baptist Association Leaders. Dr. F.L. Bullock is 3rd from right on the front row. Standing in the center of the photo is Reverend McKinley Nicholson. (Story page 4).



# Friendship Calls Pastor

By Harold G. Troy,  
Sr.

Whiteville — Recently, Friendship Baptist Church called Rev. John Prince Jr. to its pastorate.

A native of Garysburg, N.C., Rev. Prince brings to Friendship a backlog of varied experiences that he feels has prepared him for "the many challenges facing the modern-day ministry."

Among these experiences are a total of 16 years at the helm of several churches. He served as pastor at Baltimore Baptist Church in Emporia, Va. for 15 years, Pleasant Hill Baptist Macon, N.C., 2 years; Mt. Moriah Baptist in Winton, N.C., 2 years.

He has taught public school at the middle grade level in Halifax County.

Preparatory training for the ministry and for teaching was gained at Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va. where he acquired a bachelor of arts degree. He later earned a bachelor of divinity degree at Shaw University.

Further training includes courses in community organization and the problems of the Black Church. Both areas were studied while attending the Urban Training Center, Chicago, Illinois.

An unusual bit of experience he gained during his tenure as counsellor-teacher at the Southampton Correctional Farm at Capertan, Virginia.

He has also undertaken a chaplaincy training program at Central Prison in Raleigh.

Until moving here, the hefty

minister served as President of the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Prior to this he served in this capacity in Greenville County.

Raising his booming voice the new pastor philosophizes "sacrifice and dedication is the key to an outstanding ministry — as it is in all work — and these principles I intend to apply here at Friendship."

Rev. Prince is married to the former Miss Dorothy Spruill of Oak City, N.C. They have one son, Timothy Bradford, 2.

They will reside in the Friendship parsonage on Bennett Lane.

# Friendship Celebrates Sixtieth Anniversary

Whiteville — During the week of April 11-18 Friendship Baptist Church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary.

On Sunday, the junior missionaries opened with Rev. David Flowers Jr., his choir and congregation from Central Baptist Church here. The dynamic young minister urged the youngsters to "Keep On Crying" until they are assigned roles in their church life. The junior missionaries are headed by Mrs. Shirley Troy.

Monday - Group 1 - Deacon James Davis and Leader Mrs. Mable Britt presented Rev. Rudolph Walls of nearby Chadbourn.

Tuesday - Group 2 - Deacon Isaac Jones and Leader Mrs. Rosa Davis had Rev. John Beese Jr., choir and congregation from Mt. Zion Baptist of Chadbourn.

Wednesday - Group 3 - Deacon S.C. Riggins and Leader Mrs. Frances McIntyre presented guest minister, Rev. J.L. Williamson and choir from Evergreen.

Thursday - Group 4 - Deacon L.C. Reeves and Leader Mrs. Amy J. Hill had guest minister Rev. C.W. Wright and choir from Kenansville.

Friday - Group 5 - Deacon H.L. Simmons and Leader Mrs. Coleta McClinton presented Rev. W.J. Boykins, his congregation and choir from St. Paul Baptist here.

A surprise guest at this service was former Pastor I.B. Horton, currently pastoring the First African Baptist Church in Goldsboro. The BAPTIST INFORMER editor served Friendship for a decade of its sixty years of existence.

In his comments he remembered those years and praised the now deceased founder Rev. D.C. Gore for his foresight and for his assistance to Horton in his first years.

Sunday morning services were conducted by Pastor John Prince Jr.

Evening services were conducted by Mrs. Leola A. Troy and all missionary groups. Guest minister was Rev. Charles McDowell, his choir and congregation from Star Of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fairmont.

Also on Sunday, special recognition was directed at Sis. Amy J. Hill and Sis. Zelma McClain. Sis. Hill is the only founding member remaining at Friendship. Sis. McClain is second eldest in years of membership.

Sis. Frances Jones, daughter of founder Gore, gave personal touches of his love for the church and its members. She charged the membership with the responsibility of supporting "our new pastor" so that Friendship could continue to progress.

Refreshments were served throughout the entire week.

Says McGovern

## Racism, A World-Wide Moral Problem

WASHINGTON (BP) — Racism is the central moral problem in the world today, U.S. Sen. McGovern (D-S.D.) said here.

McGovern made the comment during a question and answer session following his address at Christian Citizenship '76, annual national seminar of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission.

"I think that for 300 years of our history racism was the most miserable stain on our moral fiber. It continues to stain societies in other parts of the world," he added.

McGovern, who previously moderated a World Council of Churches discussion on world racism, added, "The thrust of that discussion was right. It labeled racism as an intolerable practice in the Christian church ... a threat to peace and justice world-wide...and called on Christian people around the world to put an end to this evil."

In his address, McGovern was interrupted several times by applause from the more than 600 participants from some 30 states. Major applause was on his comments on the Vietnam War and the Watergate affair.

Noting a tendency to scorn those who apply moral principles to public affairs,

McGovern told of one major news weekly which "concentrated its greatest scorn on what it chose to describe as the hallmark of my campaign — 'the politics of righteousness.'"

"But after all the politics of hard-boiled cynicism and crass manipulation, I still believe that righteousness exalts a nation, and I think the stain of Watergate and the blot of Vietnam on the recent history of this nation underscores the hazard and pitfalls of divorcing morality from public policy and diplomacy.

"The folly of Vietnam was not the fault of waging war badly. The folly of Vietnam was that it was a bad war," McGovern said.

He said the leaders "asked everything about how the job could be done," but failed to ask the "most important question of all: Is it right?"

"We paid a terrible price for the omission of principles from public decision. They were morally wrong and they have not worked politically."

McGovern noted, "No campaign ... no foreign policy ... can excuse the telling of lies to the people and their elected representatives."

He also said the "government is supposed to listen to

Americans, not listen in on them ..."

McGovern drew applause as he said, "Americans must be known no longer as the world's chief supplier of arms ... A gunrunner to dictators who trample on the principles of liberty and justice."

He took a verbal shot at national leaders who "seem more concerned that secrets (of CIA) have leaked out into the public domain than they are about the shocking behavior which led to the revelations."

The former presidential candidate also praised detente, noting the alternative is "destruction," and spoke of the "folly of risking Armageddon to sustain a particular faction in Angola" as "sheer madness..."

He added, the world cannot "permanently continue partly in prosperity and mostly in poverty. The cost of this injustice will be more terror and little hope of stability."

"The works to achieve world-wide liberty," he said, "are not the tasks of a single year nor of a single decade."

"Yet the possibility of doing them and the probability that we will survive ..., will largely be determined by the decisions of these days," he concluded.

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## BROADMAN VBS SUPPLIES

### ADVERTISING MATERIALS

#### POSTERS

Attractive, four-color posters to advertise Vacation Bible School. Use on bulletin boards, windows, or on a wall. Size 17x22 inches, folded to 8½x11 inches and packaged three of one kind to a manila envelope. The bottom part of the poster provides space for place, date, and hour of school.

VB 767 (three in envelope) 95¢

#### POSTERETTES

These attractive 6x8-inch, full-color posterettes may be used on bulletin boards, as enclosures in letters, or handbills to be left in house-to-house visitation and canvassing, and as inserts in Sunday bulletins.

VB 776-100, \$2.25  
(same art and lettering as poster)

#### POST CARDS

Send a personal invitation to each prospect for your Vacation Bible School. These colorful post cards provide space for date, location, hours, name of principal and/or department superintendent. Size 5½x3½ inches.

VB 785-100, \$2.25

VB 786-100, \$2.25

(same art and lettering as poster)

#### VBS FOLLOW-UP POSTCARD #1

Colorful card to follow-up on prospects found through VBS. Size 3½x5½ inches. 100, \$2.25

#### VBS FOLLOW-UP POSTCARD #2

Same as #1 with different art work. 100, \$2.25

#### BULLETINS

Attractive, four-page bulletins for use at the VBS clinic programs, as a Sunday bulletin near Vacation Bible School time, etc. Full-color cover, three pages blank for message or program.

VB 727-100, \$3.25

#### MEMORY CARD PLEDGES

Colorful card shows the words and music to "America" and the pledges to the Christian and American flags and the Bible. Size 5x7 inches. (Warner)

No. U1705-Each, 8¢

#### TAGS

Distribute these attractive, two-color advertising tags to your pupils before the school begins. Self-adhesive back, with space for pupil's name.

VB 933-100, \$2.25

VB 934-100, \$2.25

#### DOORKNOB HANGER

Use these in advertising and promoting your Vacation Bible School attendance. Two colors used and space for date, time, and place provided.

VB 917-100, \$1.70; 500, \$7.50; 1000, \$14.00

#### VBS T-SHIRT

Cotton T-Shirt with the letters "VBS" printed across the front in red. Comes in three sizes: small; medium; large. Each, \$2.75

#### BUTTON

Distribute these in Sunday School and other places prior to Vacation Bible School registration. Colors are red, white, and blue. VB 321-100, \$2.75

#### BALLOONS

Use your imagination in using these to promote and advertise your Vacation Bible School. Assorted colors of balloons with imprint, "Come to Vacation Bible School."

VB 935-100, \$5.00

#### SIGN

This plastic impregnated cloth sign is 9½ feet by 18 inches, with four strings approximately 4½ feet long extended on the two ends for tying. Black letters printed on yellow plastic. Date can be added with wax pencil or washable marking pen. May be suspended on the side of a building, mounted on stakes, or carried if a parade is scheduled.

VB 918, \$10.00

#### YARD SIGNS FOR VBS

Colorful signs to advertise VBS in yards, in store windows, on car doors, bulletin boards, etc. Heavy cardboard stock, 14x18 inches. Space for church name, date and time. 3 in package, \$1.25

### CERTIFICATES

#### WORKER'S CERTIFICATES

Folder includes a picture on page one, Bible verse on page two, certificate on page three, VBS emblem on page four. Size 5½x7½ inches folded, full-color.

VB 756-Each, 10¢

#### PUPIL'S CERTIFICATE—Folder Style

Four-color folders, with envelopes, size 5½x7½ inches folded. Picture on page one, selected Scripture verses on page two, certificate form on page three, and VBS emblem on page four.

VB 746-Each, 10¢

VB 747-Each, 10¢



**WORKER'S CERTIFICATES** (suitable for framing)  
A card to express appreciation to workers. Space is provided for years of service in VBS. Size 8½x11 inches, full-color. A. VB 752 (undated) Each, 3¢

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

A special perfect attendance certificate with a border design and appropriate wording. Can be presented at a special service on VBS family night. Suitable for framing, four colors, size 8½x11 inches.

VB 739-Each, 7¢

#### PUPIL'S CERTIFICATE—Card Style

To be awarded to pupils at the close of VBS. Four color cards, size 7½x5¼ inches.

VB 732 (undated) Each, 2¢

VB 736-Each, 5¢

VB 737-Each, 5¢

### BASIC MATERIALS FOR CHURCH SERIES

#### VBS PLAN BOOK, 1976

An overview of the 1976 curriculum and a guide for ordering. To be used in planning, conducting, and following up a church or mission VBS. Serves as record book, contains a copy of the Joint Service, and a VBS Achievement Guide. (Convention)

65¢

#### IDEAS FOR VBS PROMOTION

compiled by William R. Cox. This is a resource book of promotional ideas for the VBS director, pastor, or minister of education to use in promoting and publicizing the VBS program. (Convention)

\$1.50

#### VBS CHURCH SERIES

##### ADVANCE PLANNING KIT, 1976

You save over 10% when you buy the kit! The kit contains one each of the Church Series VBS materials for 1976, plus a self-mailing order form. This kit will make available to churches a complete selection of this series and will assist in the selection of additional materials for conducting a school. (Convention) Complete kit, \$38.50 (If units are purchased separately the total price would be \$42.77)

#### WORKING IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This book explores in detail the wealth of experience accumulated by VBS leaders and teachers throughout the Convention in planning and conducting Vacation Bible Schools. Every worker, experienced and inexperienced, will find value in a complete study of this manual. Use for reference source year after year. (Convention) \$1.25

### CHURCH SERIES CURRICULUM

#### Preschool—Age 3

##### JESUS LOVES ME (Teacher's Guide)

Willia Ruth Garlow. Guidance suggestions for ten three-hour sessions for workers with three-year-olds. Unit one is "Learning About Jesus" and unit two is "Learning About My Church." \$1.15

##### JESUS LOVES ME (Parent Leaflet)\* 12¢

#### Preschool—Ages 4-5

##### FRIENDS AND HELPERS (Teacher's Guide)

Roberta Perry, Betty Gibson, Dorothy Heard. Material for an extension of the educational program of a church, supplementing teaching in the various program organizations. The content and procedures for ten three-hour sessions will include Bible materials and related activities for two units: "Showing Love for God" and "Helping Others." \$1.15

FRIENDS AND HELPERS (Pupil's Book)\* 35¢  
FRIENDS AND HELPERS (Parent Leaflet)\* 12¢

#### Children—Ages 6-7

##### (First and Second Graders)

##### THE BIBLE AND ME (Teacher's Guide)

Mrs. Lou Mishler Heath. Contains curriculum suggestions for ten three-hour sessions, including all teaching plans and procedures related to the unit. The unit leads children to identify basic facts about the Bible such as its origin, nature, and purpose and to relate appropriate truths to their lives. \$1.15

THE BIBLE AND ME (Pupil's Book)\* 35¢  
THE BIBLE AND ME (Parent Leaflet)\* 6¢  
THE BIBLE AND ME (Resource Kit)\* \$4.50  
THE BIBLE AND ME (Picture Set)\* \$2.50

#### Children—Ages 8-9

##### (Third and Fourth Graders)

##### GOD'S BOOK FOR ME (Teacher's Guide)

Mrs. Margie Clark and Mrs. Osa Marie Wittenmyer. To serve as a basic resource piece for VBS workers who teach third and fourth graders. The unit leads children to identify basic facts about the Bible such as its origin, nature, and purpose, and to relate appropriate truths to their lives. \$1.15

GOD'S BOOK FOR ME (Pupil's Book)\* 45¢  
GOD'S BOOK FOR ME (Parent Leaflet)\* 6¢  
GOD'S BOOK FOR ME (Resource Kit)\* \$4.50  
GOD'S BOOK FOR ME (Picture Set)\* \$2.50

##### THE BIBLE: GOD'S BOOK FOR LIVING (Teacher's Guide)

Mrs. Barbara Manning. Contains curriculum suggestions for ten three-hour sessions. The unit leads children to identify basic facts about the Bible such as its origin, nature, and purpose, and to relate appropriate truths to their lives. \$1.15

THE BIBLE: GOD'S BOOK FOR LIVING (Pupil's Book)\* 45¢  
THE BIBLE: GOD'S BOOK FOR LIVING (Parent Leaflet)\* 6¢  
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#### PARENT LEAFLETS\*

Information for parents, explaining what their child is doing at VBS, and ways they can help with experiences at Bible school and at home.

#### PICTURE SETS\*

Contains twelve pictures using biblical, mission, and child-experience subjects to help teachers enrich learning experiences for children.

#### PUPIL'S BOOKS\*

Designed to serve as a reading, study, and resource item for pupils. Contains Bible stories, songs, pictures and other related activities.

#### RESOURCE KITS\*

The items in the kit serve as a resource for teachers to use in enriching learning experiences for pupils.

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Greensboro, North Carolina 27410



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